# SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SOLUTIONS



NSF International is a global leader in registrations and certifications. As a third-party provider, we conduct independent audits of your operations, giving you a competitive edge as a leader in running an environmentally-conscious business.

#### **DETERMINING WHAT YOU NEED**

NSF is one of only a few certification bodies accredited to conduct audits to SFI®, PEFC<sup>™</sup> and ATFS® standards. In addition, we can provide integrated SFI and FSC® audits (delivering FSC® certification services in association with Soil Association Certification Ltd., N003091) that can save time, money and resources.



#### **FOREST MANAGEMENT**

Forest management systems aim to balance commercial values with preservation of forest health and diversity. Forest Management services include:

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) 2015-2019 Standard, Section 2
- American Tree Farm System® (ATFS) 2015-2020 Standards of Sustainability
- Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) 20-007 Standard (delivering FSC® certification services in association with Soil Association Certification Ltd.)





## **PROCUREMENT**

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) 2015-2019 Standard, Section 3 requires organizations procuring wood directly from forests to show that the raw material in their supply chain comes from legal and responsibly-managed sources.

Wood and fiber that meet the fiber sourcing requirements of the SFI standard are readily available throughout North America. This program focuses on the core concerns of customers who care about forests, assuring that the wood has been harvested legally and does not come from endangered forests.





## **CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

Chain of custody (CoC) is a system of tracking fiber from certified forest content through manufacturing to end product. Any organization that processes or trades certified forest products can seek CoC certification.

NSF International offers CoC certification to several standards:

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative 2015-2019 (SFI). Section 4
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEEC) ST 2002:2013
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) 40-003, 40-004, 40-005 (delivering FSC® certification services in association with Soil Association Certification Ltd. and can be combined with SFI and/or PEFC™ certification from NSF)



#### **BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION**

In addition to protecting the environment, forestry certification through NSF provides:

- > New distribution channels for manufacturers or retailers who require certified materials
- > Access to international markets through mutual recognition programs
- > Use of trusted certification marks
- > Preferred vendor status with customers seeking more sustainable solutions
- > Brand protection through competitive differentiation and a demonstrated commitment to social responsibility
- > Preferred vendor status with customers seeking more sustainable solution
- > Recognized sustainable management of your forest lands for future generations

#### **CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

- 1. Submit an Application
- 2. Complete an On-site Audit
- 3. Receive Certification Approval
- 4. NSF Reports Certification to Relevant Parties
- 5. Complete Regular (Annual) Surveillance Audits (verifying continued conformance)
- 6. Complete Recertification Audits (as required by standard)

### **ABOUT NSF**

- > NSF's expert auditors help make the certification process straightforward and easy to understand, and its dedicated support staff ensures the lines of communication are open and that deliverables are on-time and meet expectations.
- > We can provide cost-effective joint SFI, PEFC and FSC audits that can save time, money and resources.
- > NSF-ISR, a division of NSF International, is a leader in ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and health and safety certifications. We can help consolidate your forestry and management systems needs.

## **CONTACT US**

For more information about working with NSF to achieve certification or to ask about any of our other services, email **sustainability@nsf.org** or visit **www.nsfsustainability.org**.

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